Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 23 May 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 24 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 14:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rain edging in later on Sunday then unsettled conditions on Monday. Also high confidence for slowly improving conditions in the hills during next week.

Headline for Sunday 23 May 2021: Mainly dry, bright morning, early afternoon. Rain edging up from the south later in afternoon and evening. Also cold with freshening winds on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 23 May 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%

Forecast for Sunday 23 May 2021

Weather: Mostly dry overnight with clear periods and a touch of frost in the glens around dawn. Sunday morning and early afternoon will be mostly dry, bright with just a few light showers breaking out. Becoming cloudy during the afternoon with more persistent rain reaching Knoydart and Skye later in afternoon, extending northwards to many ranges during the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% decreasing to 30% during the evening.

Visibility: Air will continue to have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility. Also patchy cloud cover about 700m. Visibility will reduce to only a few kilometres from the south during the evening as persistent rain sets in. Also clouds coming well down the hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/10 SE	15/19 SE	19/23 SE	20/26 SE	21/30 SE	24/32 SE	27/35 SE	26/33 E	23/30 E
900	8/10 SE	15/18 SE	17/21 SE	19/25 SE	21/29 SE	23/32 SE	25/34 SE	25/32 E	21/29 E
600	6/8 SE	10/13 SE	11/15 SE	15/22 SE	18/26 SE	19/28 SE	19/27 SE	17/25 E	14/22 E
300	1/6 SE	2/10 SE	2/11 E	7/21 SE	10/26 SE	9/27 SE	8/27 SE	6/24 E	5/20 E
Glen	4/7 SE	6/10 E	6/12 E	11/22 SE	13/24 SE	13/25 SE	10/22 SE	8/18 SE	6/14 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-5	-2/-7	-1/-7	0/-6	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	1/-5
900	-0/-4	-1/-6	0/-6	1/-5	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4
600	2/-1	2/-2	2/-2	4/-1	6/1	6/2	6/1	5/0	4/-0
300	4/2	3/2	4/3	7/5	9/7	9/7	8/6	7/5	6/4
Glen	6/5	6/4	7/6	10/8	12/9	12/9	11/8	9/8	8/7
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	900m	1000m	1200m	1300m	1200m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Cold over higher ridges and summits with low temperatures and freshening winds.

Forecast for Monday 24 May 2021
Weather: It will be a mostly cloudy day with outbreaks of rain and extensive hill fog. Rain will be most persistent over north Highlands and towards Ben Wyvis in the morning. Some drier, brighter interludes over hills near to West Coast, developing more widely during afternoon.

Maximum wind: Fresh northeasterly winds on the tops with average speeds of 20 to 25mph gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in the morning, best towards West Coast, improving 60% during afternoon.

Visibility: Generally poor visibility in north and east of area during the morning with extensive cloud cover well down the hills. Occasionally good visibility towards West Coast with clouds lifting above some of the tops, developing more widely in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 1400m

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